

## Organics Recycling

### Organics Recycling Program at Palmer Way

Principal Denegri, shared a pre-recorded student presentation about an organics recycling program currently underway at Palmer Way School. Sixth grade students showcased the science-based lessons learned about food waste reduction and generated ideas to address specific issues of food waste at school, home, and in our community.



## Resolutions

THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution #20-21.33 declaring March 2021 National Nutrition Month.**

**Resolution #20-21.37 declaring February 2021 Love the Bus Month.**

**Resolution #20-21.31 regarding absence of Board Member Maria Dalla due to illness.**

**Resolution #20-21.32 regarding absence of Board Member Rocina Lizarraga due to illness.**



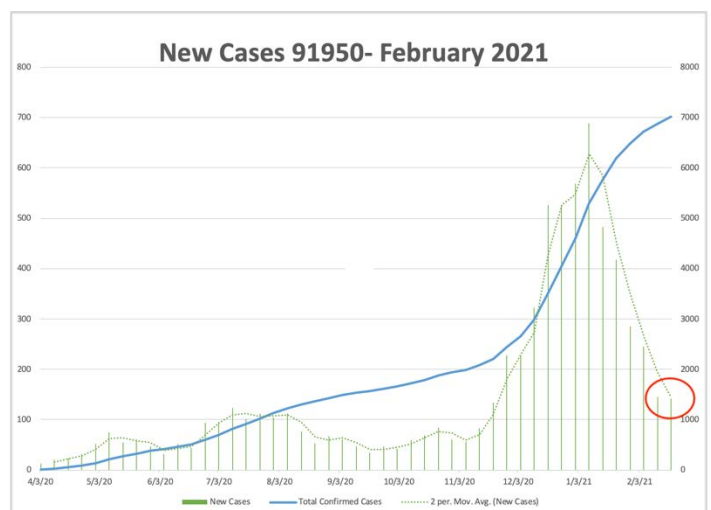
Governing Board Highlights are a summary of recognitions, presentations, discussions, and

important decisions from recent Board meetings. They differ from the meeting minutes, which give a detailed report of Board members present, approvals, vote tallies, etc. Approved meeting minutes are posted on the website along with the Board Meeting Calendar and agendas.

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## COVID-19 Updates

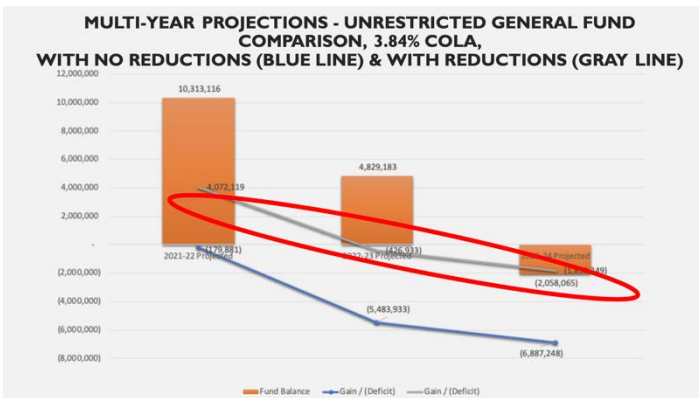
Superintendent Brady led a discussion detailing how the District is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Brady discussed current case rates in San Diego county, as well as National City (91950); vaccination timeline for educators; and on-site COVID-19 testing options.



Due to the current daily COVID-19 case rates in National City (30.7/100,000) it was decided that the case rates are still too high to predict a target date for safe reopening. Trustees will meet again on March 10, 2021 and will re-evaluate our re-opening status for hybrid instruction at that time.

### Budget Reduction Plan

On December 15, 2020, the Governing Board passed a resolution #20.21-29 for budget reductions needed in the amount of \$4,252,000 for 2021-22 and \$805,000 for 2020-23 due to a multi-year trend in declining enrollment, and a budget structural deficit.



With support from an external fiscal expert (contract #CT3776), approved by the Governing Board on October 28, 2020, administration met with the Governing Board to discuss rationale, scenarios and development of the budget reduction plan on the following dates:

- January 21, 2021
- January 27, 2021
- February 17, 2021

The final multi-year budget reduction plan presented at the Governing Board Meeting on February 28, 2020 consisted of the following recommendations:

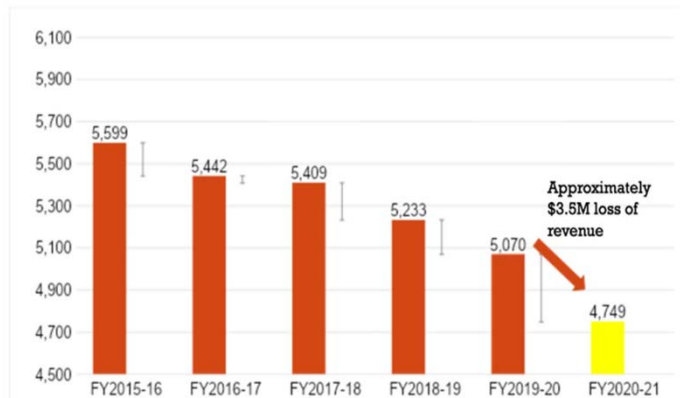
#### Recommended Reductions for 2021-22

- GROUP A: Lack of services due to excess positions, which creates a fiscal structural deficit. **Recommendation**– Positions in group A should be eliminated (Layoff).

**Anticipated ongoing savings: \$1,645,000**

- GROUP B: Reduction in services needed due to shrinking district enrollment which contributes to the fiscal structural deficit. **Recommendation**– Positions in group B should be reduced, restructured or eliminated (Layoff)

**Anticipated ongoing savings: \$746,639**



➤ District has lost 529 students from 2015-16 through 2019-20 ("hold harmless year"). This is equivalent to approximately \$3.5 Million lost revenue over a five-year period.

- GROUP C: Positions are part of an unsustainable program due to shrinking funding and lack of services. **Recommendation**– Positions in group C should be eliminated (Layoff) and program re-evaluated using alternative funding structures.

**Anticipated ongoing savings: \$1,380,000**

#### Encroachment from Base to LCAP/S&C - STRS, PERS, Step & Column, etc.

Fiscal Year	Amount
2015-16	\$ 915,000
2016-17	\$ 2,495,520
2017-18	\$ 3,600,587
2018-19	\$ 4,490,520
2019-20	\$ 4,376,638
2020-21 budgeted	\$ 5,493,119

*LCAP funding has been used to backfill many positions that could not be funded out of base funding due to reduced revenue.*

- GROUP D: Other programs/services that are currently in base funding; but, could be funded with more restrictive funding sources. **Recommendation**– Remove group D expenditures from base funding and re-consider using alternative funding options or structure.

**Anticipated ongoing savings: \$480,000**

**Total recommended reductions for  
2021-22– \$4,251,639**

### **Recommended Reductions for 2022-23**

- Close a school or consolidate two schools.

**Anticipated savings: \$805,000+**

**Total recommended reductions for  
2021-23– \$805,000+**

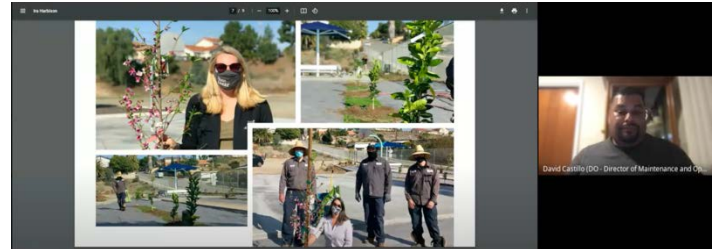
**Final Staff Recommendation  
Approve Multi-Year Budget  
Reduction Plan in (Exhibit A)  
<https://tinyurl.com/BudgetPlan2021>**

### **TRUSTEE VOTE:**

- No** Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
- No** Ms. Michelle Gates
- No** Ms. Alma Sarmiento
- Yes** Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes** Ms. Maria Dalla

**Motion failed 2–3**

## Seating Area at Harbison



Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities, Mr. David Castillo, presented updates to the Governing Board on seating area projects aimed at increasing safety at drop-off and dismissal. Among the projects presented were an increased seating area and shade availability both at the lower gate and on the upper playground. Mr. Castillo also spotlighted a new mini orchard made possible through a generous donation from Healthy Day Partners and SDG&E.

## TRANS UPDATE

Dr. Johnson, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave an update on National School District's Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Loan, Series 2020-21-B.

## Approved Items

In addition to routine items of business, the Governing Board approved the following items:

CONTRACT #CT3796 WITH CATALINA DOLORES MAYNARD TO PROVIDE PERFORMING ARTS SERVICES FOR KIMBALL SCHOOL

CONTRACT #CT3799 WITH BCK PROGRAMS, LLC TO PROVIDE A COMPOSTING/FOOD WASTE REDUCTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT EL TOYON SCHOOL

#CT3801 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE DIGITAL DIVIDE GRANT

**Next Governing Board Meeting March 10, 2021**